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SUBJECT: MINBANTU AFFAIRS SPELLS OUT SOME OLD AND SOME
NEW POLICY LINES REGARDING HOMELANDS

1. LEBOWA HOMELAND LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY IS CONSIDERING A SPECIAL LAND REPORT PRESENTED TO IT BY COMMISSION TO STUDY LAND ISSUES. REPORT WAS DRAWN UP BY MININTERIOR COLLINS RAMUSI AS LEBOWA GOVERNMENT'S ANSWER TO SAG CONSOLIDATION PLAN, WHICH IT HAD REJECTED. LEBOWA LAND REPORT WOULD GIVE LEBOWA A SINGLE PIECE OF TERRITORY, INSTEAD OF FIVE FRAGMENTS RECOMMENDED BY SAG. THIS TERRITORY WOULD INCLUDE MOST OF NORTHERN TRANSVAAL, A TOTAL OF ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF LAND NOW LYING WITHIN TRANSVAAL PROVINCE.

2. IN RESPONSE TO THIS, MINBANTU ADMINISTRATION M.C. BOTHA WARNED HOMELAND GOVERNMENTS IN A SPEECH AT NATIONAL PARTY CONGRESS IN PRETORIA APRIL 30 THAT SAG "AS THE GIVER MUST DETERMINE WHAT LAND MUST BE GIVEN, AND IT IS NOT FOR THOSE WHO RECEIVE TO POINT OUT WHAT LAND THEY SHOULD HAVE." BOTHA REPEATED WHAT SAG OFFICIALS HAVE SAID BEFORE CONCERNING LAND AVAILABLE FOR HOMELANDS. SAG WOULD BUY LAND TO THE
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AMOUNT PROVIDED FOR IN 1963 LEGISLATION AND THEN "THE BOOK

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WOULD BE CLOSED."

3. LEBOWA GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL STATED A GUARANTEE THAT WHITES LIVING WITHIN TERRITORY ENCOMPASSED BY PROPOSAL WOULD BE INVITED TO BECOME FREE AND EQUAL CITIZENS OF LEBOWA. IN HIS SPEECH BOTHA WARNED SOUTH AFRICAN WHITES WHO MIGHT WISH TO REMAIN WITHIN BORDERS OF A BLACK HOMELAND THAT IF THEY ACCEPTED HOMELAND CITIZENSHIP, THEY WOULD LOSE THEIR SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZENSHIP.

4. BOTHA ALSO SAID THAT SAG ENVISAGED BOTH INDEPENDENT AND SEMI-INDEPENDENT HOMELANDS. LATTER WOULD DEPEND ON SOUTH AFRICA FOR SUCH SERVICES AS FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND BOTHA SAID IT POSSIBLE THAT SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ONE DAY COULD INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEMI-INDEPENDENT STATES. HOMELANDS WOULD ONLH BECOME INDEPENDENT ON AN "EVOLUTIONARY BASIS"FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS AND A SERIES OF AGREEMENTS WHICH WOULD ESTAB-LISH RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND THE HOMELAND IN QUESTION. THERE WOULD BE A CLOSE LIAISON BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND THE INDEPENDENT OR SEMI-INDEPENDENT HOMELANDS, BUT THIS WOULD NEVER TAKE THE FORM OF A CENTRAL EXECUTIVE FOR ALL THE "NATIONS"

5. BOTHA EMPHASIZED THE "EXCEPTIONAL IMPORTANCE" OF NON-AGGRESSIVE PACTS AND SECURITY AGREEMENTS BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICANS AND INDEPENDENT HOMELANDS. HE ENVISAGED "A SORT OF NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION" BEING DEVELOPED IN THE SECURITY FIELD IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

6. COMMENT SEPTEL.
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